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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: SETTE *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:


1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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